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C) Given the inter-agency dimension of counterterrorism financing, post believes annual, regional conferences would be extremely useful to bring together TFCOs/DTFCOs and key Washington contacts. We suggest that a European CTF conference should include posts throughout EUR, not just EU posts. Indeed, because of the global nature of TF, post believes an annual worldwide CTF conference would allow TFCOs/DTFCOs to share best practices and review global trends.

D) The USG could encourage enhanced intra-European contacts, at a number of levels and on various themes, at the national level, complementing on-going U.S.-EU TF dialogue. Post believes many small- and medium-sized countries would benefit from real world case studies and experiences.

E) Post greatly appreciated the recent visit of Treasury U/S Stuart Levey. Such high-level visits provide an opportunity to engage governments at a sufficiently senior level to discuss policy. We welcome continued engagement in foreign capitals and with visiting foreign officials in Washington.

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